(b) if so, whether Government have given full excise duty exemption to cement from 1st June, 2001; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have given full exemption from excise duty to cement supplied for reconstruction or repair of private buildings, residential or non-residential, in the earthquake-affected areas of the State of Gujarat, subject to certain conditions as prescribed in notification No. 16/2001-Central Excise, dated 26.3.2001. The exemption is now valid upto 31.3.2003.

Money deposited in Indian banks through hawala transactions

*691. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large sum of money has been deposited in Indian banks through hawala transactions from Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether this money is being used by terrorist outfits through their contacts in Agra, Saharanpur, Delhi, Surat and Hazaribagh, etc.;

(c) whether these bank accounts have been confiscated and action taken against guilty persons; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The Enforcement Directorate has come across only one case (Red Fort Shoot out case) in which it was revealed that an amount of Rs. 37 lakh had been received by the accused from Pakistan through hawala transactions and the same was later on deposited in Indian banks. Investigations further revealed that this amount was being used by the terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba. Action under the provisions Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA, 1999) has been initiated in this case.

Funds for flood control

*692. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of normal flood and erosion control projects submitted by the Government of Assam during the last three years alongwith the date of submission, date of final clearance for execution, total outlay, year-wise amount sanctioned, utilized, progress made and target set, scheme-wise; and

(b) the total outlay, amount disbursed and achievement made on utilization of fund from the PM's special package for Rs. 500 crores?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) Flood Management including erosion being a State subject, the planning investigation and execution of Flood Management Works are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments. The Government of India renders assistance that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

As informed by Government of Assam, 67 Nos. of scheme have been submitted by them, the status in respect of which is detailed below:

(i)	Cleared by Planning Commission	19 Nos.
(ii)	Technically cleared by Central Water Commission	18 Nos.
(iii)	Technically examined by Central Water Commission and comments sent to State Government	14 Nos.
(iv)	Under examination in Central Water Commission	14 Nos.
(v)	Not received in Central Water Commission	1 No.
(vi)	Deleted due to no response from State Government	1 No.

The allocation of funds and execution of the individual schemes is done by the State Government themselves according to their own priorities.

During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 59 crore has been released by the Central Government under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and as Central Loan Assistance. The State Government has intimated that under the NLCPR, 5 Nos. of schemes have been completed and the rest 20 Nos. are in various stages of completion.

(b) The total outlay, amount disbursed and achievement made on utilization of fund from the PM's special package for Rs. 500 crores are given in Statement.

Statement

Utilization of funds from the Prime Minister's Package

Sl. No.	Name of works	Outlay (Rs. in crore)	Amount disbursed	Achievements made
1.	Short term flood controlmeasures to be implemented by the Govt. of Assam	150.00	Rs. 51.00 crore (Central Loan Assistance)+ Rs. 10.09 crore (Grants)+ Rs. 49.00 crore (from Non-lapsable Pool of resources). Total released— Rs. 110.09 crore.	The State Govt. has intimated that under Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources 5 Nos. schemes have already been completed and rest 20 Nos. are in various stages of completion.
2.	Majuli Island Protection works to be taken up by the Brahmaputra Board as part of a comprehensive scheme for protection of the island presently under preparation by Brahmaputra Board (Short term works)	30.00	—	A Detailed Project Report at an estimated cost of Rs. 190.00 crore has been framed by Brahmaputra Board and is under examination for final clearance.
3.	Pagladiya Project	214.00	The project commenced in Jan., 2001, an amount of Rs. 43.32 crore has been released upto March, 2002.	The pre-construction activities of the project are in progress. An area of 910 ha. of land has been acquired so far.
4.	Harrang Drainage Development Scheme	11.00	Rs. 10.81 crore has already been released for this scheme. The estimate is under revision and an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore has been kept for this schemes during the year 2002-2003.	Construction of embankment 53%. Construction of sluices 33%
5.	Pre-construction activities of Tipaimukh	50.00	—	Tipaikukh Dam Project has been handed over to North

Sl. No.	Name of works	Outlay (Rs. in crore)	Amount disbursed	Achievements made
	(Manipur-Mizoram States) investigation of Dihang and Subansiri projects (Arunachal Pradesh)			Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. and and Dihang and Subansiri dam projects have been handed over to National Hydro Electric Power Corporation under Ministry of Power.
6.	Specific flood control schemes in Manipur State	45.00	—	The Sales Govt. of Manipur is yet to send specific flood control schemes for this purpose.

Donations for Annadhana Scheme in Tamil Nadu

*693. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Tamil Nadu Government has requested to grant income-tax exemption to donations received by the devotees for the Annadhana Scheme which is being implemented in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme is being implemented through 63 temples. Approvals u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 are being granted wherever applications are received from the Administrative/ Executive Officers of the implementing temples.

Report of Pension-Reform Committee

*694. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pension-Reform Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the salient points of the report;

(c) the total fund required for disbursement of pension in the current financial year;